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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN FAVORS POOLING ARRANGEMENT WITH AEROFLOT

1. IN CONVERSATION AUG. 26 WITH E/C COUNSELOR
PAN AMERICAN LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE, WHO HAD JUST
RETURNED FROM US, SAID THAT PAA WOULD FAVOR A
POOLING ARRANGEMENT GIVING IT A FLAT FIFTY PERCENT
OF REVENUES ON US-SOVIET TRAFFIC. PAA WOULD BE
PREPARED, ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVE, TO FLY AS
MANY AS THREE FLIGHTS PER WEEK BUT WOULD NOT BE
PREPARED TO GO HIGHER OR TO PERMIT AEROFLOT TO
DO SO. REPRESENTATIVE SAID PAA WOULD FLY ITS
PLANES EMPTY, IF NEED BE, TO MAINTAIN NUMERICAL
SYMMETRY BUT WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE ARRANGEMENT
GIVING AEROFLOT MORE THAN PARITY. HE ALSO
STATED THAT PASS WOULD NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR
ON THE SORT OF PROPOSAL US SIDE ADVANCED LAST
MARCH OR TO SEE US SAY IT HAS NO AUTHORITY TO
DISCUSS POOLING IN NEXT ROUND OF TALKS, AS OCCURRED
IN LAST ROUND. IN SHORT, IF WE CANNOT PROPOSE
POOLING, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CONTINUE ALONG
PRESENT LINES WITHOUT A FORMAL AGREEMENT,
ACCORDING TO PAA REPRESENTATIVE. HE SAID HE HAD
BEEN SLIGHTLY DISTURBED AT REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON
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THAT USG, OUT OF INTEREST IN REACHING A NEW
CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT, MIGHT ACCEPT AN UNSATISFACTORY
FORMULA.

2. AS DEPARTMENT PRESUMABLY AWARE, PAA CHAIRMAN
SEAWELL IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH AEROFLOT,
HAS STATED THAT IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW

PRESENT TICKETING RESTRICTIONS ON AEROFLOT
ONLY WHEN RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON PAA TICKETING
IN 1976 ARE REMOVED.

3. REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT PAN AMERICAN IN
MEETING WITH SAMORUKHOV IN US SAID NOTHING ABOUT
GRANTING AEROFLOT ANY EXTRA SECTION IN EXCHANGE
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS CHARTER PROGRAM, BUT HE
CONFIRMED THAT PAA WOULD FLY ONCE WEEKLY

AFTER NOVEMBER 1. SOVIET REQUESTS FOR EXTRA
SECTIONS WILL BE EVALUATED BY PAA ON CASE BASIS
ONLY. (COMMENT: THESE VIEWS ON EXTRA SECTIONS
REPRESENT A CHANGE FROM WHAT REPRESENTATIVE WAS
TELLING US JUST BEFORE HE WENT TO NEW YORK.)

4. REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT AEROFLOT HAD RECENTLY
DENIED PAN AMERICAN AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE PAYMENT
IN RUBLES FOR CARGO SHIPMENTS FROM MOSCOW. HE
HAD PROTESTED THIS DIRECTLY TO SAMORUKHOV IN
US, WHO TOLD HIM NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT, AS IT
WAS AN ERROR. UPON RETURN HERE HE SCHEDULED
MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL
VALENTIN KHROBROV, EXPLAINING BACKGROUND OF
DISCUSSION WITH SAMORUKHOV. MINISTRY THEREUPON
RESCINDED THE NEW ORDER ON PAYMENT IN RUBLES,
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IN ADVANCE OF MEETING WITH PAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE (WHICH WAS THEN CANCELLED AS UNNECESSARY).

5. REPRESENTATIVE SAYS HE WAS TOLD BY SAMORUKHOV
THAT LATTER'S SUCCESSOR, MIRZOYAN, IS SOON TO
BE TRANSFERRED FROM HIS PRESENT POST. AT LEAST
ONE REASON FOR HIS EARLY TRANSFER IS THAT HE IS
SAID TO HAVE OFFENDED RANKING PAA EXECUTIVE
ELSAESSER, WHO WAS VISITING HERE IN JULY. HIS
PLACE WILL BE TAKEN BY KHROBROV, ACCORDING TO
SAMORUKHOV.
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